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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Mitsuru HORINOE et al.

Group Art Unit: 2852

Application No.: 10/809,531

Examiner: Q. GRAINGER

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Docket No.: 119054

For: DEVELOPING DEVICE REDUCING TONER PRESSURE ON SUPPLY ROLLER
AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING SAME (AS AMENDED)

APPLICANTS' SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Grainger at the interview held July 11 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

During the interview, Applicants' representative and Examiner Grainger discussed the differences between the subject matter of the claims and U.S. Patent No. 5,384,628 to Takami et al. ("Takami"). Specifically, Applicants' representative asserted in the interview that Takami fails to disclose several features of the pending claims including at least a supply roller that is at least partially shielded from the weight of developing agent, as embodied in, e.g., claims 12, 15, 28 and 38. During the interview, Applicants' representative also argued that Takami fails to disclose a polymeric toner with a packed bulk density that is greater than or equal to 0.646 g/ml, as recited in independent claim 14. Applicants' representative also

pointed out that Takami fails to disclose a wall that is disposed between the developing agent container and the supply device where the wall is "integrally formed with a casing of the developing device," as recited in claim 22.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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